

## Dialect Competition

Report by: Tim Barker

Silloth Rotary Club's annual Dialect Competition drew competitors and guests from all over the county to the Golf Hotel on October 11th.

There were not quite so many entrants as usual but the standard was high.

There were a wide variety of different items presented, from Tommy Coulthard's hunting song to Lawrence Marshall's wonderful true story of a half-shorn sheep, two shearers and a flock of 'flairt' hens going mad in a gin case\*. The youngest competitor was eight-year-old Abigail O'Reagan of Aspatria while Keith Balmer of Eden valley reminisced about his mother who's 100. To cap even that, Bob Burlington (Rotary Club of Keswick) brought a poem written eighty years ago by his father. The most up-to-date theme was a poem about the world financial crisis presented by Cynthia Nicholas of Penrith.

Silloth Mayor Graham Wilkinson and Rotarian David Wilson were the judges, directed by Mrs Ethel Fisher MBE whose unmatched dialect poems must be familiar to many. She closed the entertainment

with a reading of her new poem about the three unwise men finding their way round London with the help of Delboy Trotter and a satnav.

Winners were: Best Newcomer – Cynthia Nicholas, Best Junior – Abigail O'Reagan, Most Humorous – Margaret Rogerson, Best Spoken Dialect – Lawrence Marshall.

Thanks go to the Golf Hotel for hosting the event and providing tea and biscuits and to Peter Gilmour for the sound system. Tim Barker was compere and other Rotarians helped with organisation and running the raffle which raised over £50 for the club's charity fund.

\* For those who didn't know (most of us), a "gin case" was the circular box in which a horse plodded round and round harnessed to a capstan driving the machinery for an old-fashioned mechanical threshing machine. The word is short for "engine case".

## RNLI Fund-raiser

Solway Holiday Village hosted a charity fundraising night in aid of the RNLI.

It was held in September and was well supported by locals, holidaymakers and residents of the holiday park. Some members of the local Lifeboat Station and fundraising branch also attended.

On the evening £538.51 was raised.

Thanks go to the management of Solway Holiday Village for their generosity in holding the event in Harleys Bar and for providing the entertainment (Amy Housewine) and prizes for the raffle, bingo and bottle roll.



Princess Bee  
by  
Chloe Aird  
from  
Silloth Primary School

## On the Waterfront

Report by: Tommy Legs

September was the quietest month for many years with only three

vessels visiting the port.

First was the VICTRESS with fertilizer from Holland. Next was the tanker ZAPADNYY from Bremen with molasses and finally the BEN VARREY brought a cargo of wheat from Liverpool.

October was reasonably busy with seven cargoes including two visits by the GRIPFISK who loaded

live salmon smolts for the Scottish salmon farms. The BRITANNICA HAV brought wheat from Vierow and the VICTRESS brought fertilizer from Holland. The BEN VARREY then arrived with a cargo of wheat from Liverpool and the ST PELMOOR brought paper pulp from Sanander. Finally, the tanker WIGRY brought molasses from Dunkirk.



## Little Acre Memory Walk



On Sunday 21st September, residents, staff and friends of Little Acre Care Home took part in their second Memory Walk in support of the Alzheimer's Society. The weather was fine for the participants who set off from Little Acre along the promenade to the Lifeboat Station and back.

Some residents were able to walk, but others enjoyed the fresh air from the comfort of

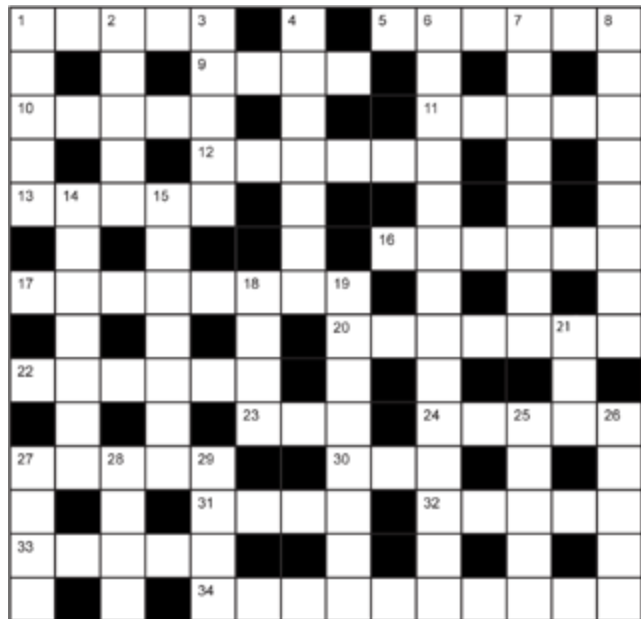
their wheelchairs.

As well as raising much needed funds for the Alzheimer's Society, £472 to date with more still to come in, the

walk also served to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias which can have such a devastating effect on people's lives.

## Prize Crossword

Our crossword puzzle is created by Mycroft.



Across

- 1 Glory (5)
- 5 Variety of quartz (6)
- 9 Curse (4)
- 10 Agitate (5)
- 11 Inexperienced (5)
- 12 Collective noun for crows (6)
- 13 Room (5)
- 16 List of business (6)
- 17 Note of music (8)
- 20 Utmost (7)
- 22 Shrub (6)
- 23 Strike (3)
- 24 Sword (5)
- 27 Hurl (5)
- 30 Sea monster (3)
- 31 Slim (4)
- 32 Unconcealed (5)
- 33 Quantitative relationship (5)
- 34 "Ancient town" with same privileges as Cinque Ports (10)

Down

- 1 Russian drink (5)
- 2 Roman goddess of hunting (5)
- 3 WWI battle (5)
- 4 Barren (7)
- 6 Cumulative total (9,5)
- 7 Simulation (8)
- 8 Turncoat (8)
- 14 Incomplete (7)
- 15 Highland Warrior (7)
- 18 Quiet (4)
- 19 Germanic (8)
- 21 Spoil (3)
- 25 Consecrate (5)
- 26 Additional (5)
- 27 Bifurcation (4)
- 28 Jot (4)
- 29 Shine (4)

Please send your entries for this month's competition to the Solway Buzz (address on page 4).

The first correct entry drawn will receive a bottle of wine or, if under 18 a Solway Buzz polo shirt.



Answer to issue 69 crossword

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